

Defector 'Finally Lost His

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Miami Cuban exiles accused by refugee defector Carlos Rivero of planned terrorist activities Monday described their onetime fellow activist as a man whose frustrations over the lack of exile actions against Castro finally "made him lose his wits."

They scoffed at Rivero's claims over Havana Radio Sunday that intensifying moves toward U.S.-Cuba rapprochement had spawned a secret exile ter-

rorist scheme which included plans to assassinate prominent international figures.

The Bay of Pigs veteran and son of former Presidente-elect Andres Rivero Aguero — who was prevented from taking office by Fidel Castro's seizure of power in 1959 — was the mystery defector the Cuban government had announced it would present last week.

His identity was revealed Sunday in a Havana Radio broadcast monitored in Miami.

AND ON Monday, in another broadcast, the Cuban regime explained why he had been allowed back.

Rivero, the broadcast said, had proven his dissatisfaction with "the amorality and corruption of counter-revolutionaries and the human misery of the capitalist system."

It said the defector had "realized that reason was on the side of the Cuban revolution and began to conduct revolutionary chores (outside the United States) on behalf of the rev-

olution."

The inference was that Rivero, who once published an anti-Castro newspaper in Miami, had been working for the Castro government, but this was not clarified.

Some of the Miami exiles mentioned by Rivero as part of the international terrorist scheme discounted the claims as coming from an emotionally unbalanced man.

ONE OF the exiles, Felipe Rivero, who heads the Cuban Nationalist Move-

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ment in Miami, said the defector — no relation — became "a victim of the sickness of disgust which afflicts all worthy Cubans" over the exile inaction against Castro.

"This feeling of disgust blinded him and finally made him lose his wits," Rivero said.

Still, Rivero added that he retained respect for the defector because "he was a very brave man at the Bay of Pigs," in which the MNC leader also participated.

"He is worth much more

than many of those so-called anti-Castroites around here," Rivero said.

"IF LIFE should place us face to face, I might have to kill him, but I will still respect him," he said.

Another exile, Antonio Calatayud, of Cuban Action, said he had been forewarned about the broadcast by a cryptic telegram he received from Cuba early Sunday.

The telegram, he said, read as follows:

"Our radio station is

pleased to invite you to listen to a special program which will take place next Sunday at five, eight and ten in the evening Eastern Standard Time over the 19, 25, 31 and 49 meters wavelengths."

The Western Union telegram was signed "Havana Radio, Cuba", Calatayud said.

HE SAID he did not know if others also had received the same telegram.

He said Rivero had "told

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Cuban authorities a bunch of lies to become friendly with them."

Calatayud added that Rivero's defection was not a loss to the exile cause because he only was a fourth rate combatant.

"The fact that Castro gave him the title of exile

leader demonstrates the low degree of intelligence of the regime," he said.

"I am not indignant at Rivero's lies. I just feel sorry for him," Calatayud added.

PERHAPS THE bitterest comment against Rivero's defection and accusation of his former exile friends came from Rivero's own mother.

children, but I would have preferred to see him dead," said Isabel Collado de Rivero.

"If they had told me instead that they had seen him die, I would have preferred it," she said from her Miami home.

In the Sunday broadcast, Rivero turned against a number of his friends in Miami and accused them of secret raids and other attacks against the Castro government.